

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 MADRID 02380 302129Z
ACTION SCSE-00

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 SCA-01 H-02 SSO-00 EB-08
CAB-05 FAA-00 DOTE-00 DODE-00 USIE-00 /029 W
-----302134Z 066386 /46
O 301506Z MAR 77
FM AMEMBASSY MADRID
TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 9576

UNCLAS MADRID 2380

SCA/SCS

EUR/WE

ATTENTION JAMES E. KILEY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAIR, CASC, SP
SUBJECT: W/W TENERIFE AIR DISASTER

1. FOLLOWING IS A RECAPITULATION OF LATEST INFORMATION AND FIGURES ON PANAM/KLM AIRCRAFT COLLISION. PANAM NOW REPORTS 378 PASSENGERS PLUS 18 CREW FOR TOTAL OF 396 WHICH ALTERS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TOTAL AND FATALITY FIGURES.

2. INITIAL LIST OF SURVIVORS WAS REPORTED AS 72. THIS WAS REDUCED BY DEATH OF MEYER SIMON AND BY REMOVAL FROM LIST OF MARY BURLEY WHO WAS DETERMINED TO HAVE BEEN THE SAME AS MARY HESS. NAME OF ANITA OR ANTITA NICOD IS APPARENTLY HOSPITAL TRANSCRIPTION ERROR AND ALSO REMOVED. EARLY MORNING OF MARCH 29 HOSPITAL TENERIFE REPORTED DEATH OF MERWIN WOLTERS. THUS LIST OF SURVIVORS WAS REDUCED TO 68. OF 68 SURVIVORS, SOME 50 WERE EVACUATED FROM TENERIFE TO US AT 21:40 HOURS LOCAL TIME MARCH 29.

3. EMBASSY TEAM REPORTS THAT THERE ARE 4 CREW MEMBER SUR-
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 MADRID 02380 302129Z

VIVORS REMAINING IN TENERIFE FOR FTSB INVESTIGATION. IN ADDITION KAREN ANDERSON, WHO WAS EVACUATED ON C-130 TO LAS PALMAS, IS PRESENTLY HOSPITALIZED AT BRITISH HOSPITAL THERE. HER INJURIES ARE REPORTEDLY MINOR AND SHE IS IN COMPANY OF FAMILY. WE UNDERSTAND SEVEN NON-PATIENT SURVIVORS WILL DEPART TENERIFE BY HELICOPTER THIS A.M. AND WILL DEPART LAS PALMAS FOR US BY COMMERCIAL AIR SAME DAY. REMAINING 7

UNINJURED PASSENGERS HAVE APPARENTLY DEPARTED TENERIFE THROUGH ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY PANAM.

4. USING NEW FIGURE OF 396 ON BOARD PANAM, MINUS 68 KNOWN SURVIVORS, FATALITIES FIGURE STOOD AT 328. DEATH OF ISABEL EDITH LORD ENROUTE US BRINGS TOTAL FATALITIES CURRENTLY TO 329, AND THE TOTAL SURVIVORS TO 68, TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE.

5. WITH REGARD KLM, TOTAL NUMBER FOR PASSENGERS AND CREW IS REPORTED BY NETHERLANDS EMBASSY MADRID AS 244, WITH NO SURVIVORS. TO DATE NO INFORMATION ON IDENTIFICATION OF FOUR US CITIZENS, LISTED BY KLM AS MR. AND MRS. GILLIS AND MOTHER AND CHILD LISTED AS TWIST. TOTAL OF PANAM AND KLM FATALITIES, SO FAR AS WE NOW KNOW, IS 329 PLUS 244 OR 573. NO CONFIRMATION OF NATIONALITY OF PAN AM VICTIMS, BUT NEARLY ALL BELIEVED TO BE U.S. CITIZENS. KLM REPORTS ONLY TWIST AND GILLIS VICTIMS AS U.S. CITIZENS. EATON

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: REPORTS, AIRCRAFT ACCIDENTS, DEATHS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 30-Mar-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977MADRID02380
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770109-0577
Format: TEL
From: MADRID
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t1977037/aaaaafuy.tel
Line Count: 80
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: ddd5bab9-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION SCSE
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 17-Sep-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3139543
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: W/W TENERIFE AIR DISASTER
TAGS: EAIR, CASC, SP, US, PANAM, KLM
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/ddd5bab9-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009